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House Bill 4805

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Delegate Pinson

[Introduced January 26, 2026; referred to the

Committee on Energy and Public Works]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,
2 designated §17C-4-18, relating to providing for environmental cleanup for motor vehicle
3 crashes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 4. ACCIDENTS.

§17C-4-18. Environmental cleanup for crashes.

1 (a) In the event of a motor vehicle crash, or any other environmental hazard, any first
2 responder who arrives on the scene may notify the public safety answering point (PAP) and
3 request a West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") approved,
4 environmental cleanup company to respond to the scene, in the event of hazardous materials
5 being released into the environment.

6 (b) Should a first responder contact a DEP approved, environmental cleanup company
7 through the provision set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the DEP shall ensure the
8 containment, cleanup, and reclamation takes place in a timely and satisfactory manner.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for environmental cleanup for motor vehicle crashes.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.